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Dear Ms. Hesse:

The U. S. District Court has an opportunity to end one of the most misguided and wasteful lawsuits in the history of the United States by dismissing the remaining lawsuits against Microsoft Corporation and accepting the proposed settlement.

The cost of the lengthy litigation has now exceeded \$30 million and is rapidly rising as each day passes. If the settlement is rejected, any eventual financial judgment against Microsoft will be so diminished by legal and administrative fees that very little will actually find its way to the consumer.

The proposed settlement puts an end to the wasteful use of taxpayer dollars and requires Microsoft to make substantial concessions to its competitors.

I am writing to ask the Court to accept the settlement and let consumers make the final determination as to the quality and usefulness of the products they buy.

Sincerely,

Freddie Maxwell
Mayor

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